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**REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING**

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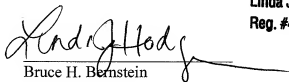
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 41.47(b), Appellants respectfully request an Oral Hearing in the above-identified Appeal. The statutory fee of \$ 1000.00 is enclosed herewith.

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